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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Poway – Synagogue Shooter Pleads Guilty to Murder, Attempted Murder

(U) A former nursing student pleaded guilty in San Diego Superior Court on Tuesday to shooting congregants at a Poway synagogue on the last day of Passover in 2019, killing one person and injuring three others, including a child. John T. Earnest, now 22, admitted charges of murder and attempted murder in a plea deal that spares him a potential death sentence. He pleaded guilty to all the charges he faced, including an arson charge for setting fire to an Escondido mosque a month before the attack on the synagogue, and he admitted that both acts were hate crimes.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [San Diego Tribune](#)

(U) Yucaipa – Couple Charged in Deadly California Wildfire Sparked During Gender Reveal

(U) A couple has been criminally charged after their gender-reveal event allegedly sparked a Southern California wildfire that led to the death of a firefighter, the district attorney announced Tuesday. Refugio Manuel Jimenez Jr. and Angela Renee Jimenez were indicted on involuntary manslaughter and other counts stemming from the El Dorado Fire, which erupted in Yucaipa on 5 September 2020. The fire was started by a smoke bomb at El Dorado Ranch Park and exploded in the hot, dry conditions, eventually burning more than 22,000 acres. Firefighter Charlie Morton, a hotshot squad boss, died battling the blaze on 17 September.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Off-Duty DEA Agent Arrested on Capitol Riot Charges

(U) Washington – An off-duty Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent posed for photographs in which he flashed his DEA badge and firearm outside the US Capitol during the 6 January riot, according to a court filing Tuesday following the agent's arrest. A video posted on the internet also showed Mark Sami Ibrahim carrying a flag bearing the words "Liberty or Death" outside the Capitol, about 12 minutes before a mob of people pulled apart a nearby set of barricades, authorities said. Ibrahim, of Orange County, California, was a probationary employee of the DEA and was on personal leave from the agency when he traveled to Washington. Several weeks before the riot, he had given notice of his intention to resign.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [Army Times](#)

(U) Florida – Affiliate of the Oath Keepers Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy and Breaching US Capitol

(U) Tampa – Caleb Berry, 20, of Tampa, Florida, an affiliate of the Oath Keepers, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy and to breaching the US Capitol for the purpose of obstructing Congress' certification of the electoral college on 6 January 2021. According to court papers, between 4-5 January, Berry traveled from Florida to Washington, DC with some of his co-conspirators, who were members of the Oath Keepers, to attend demonstration events. Berry admitted that, prior to arriving in Washington, they discussed plans for what they would be doing in Washington on 6 January and the need to bring firearms for these events.

SOURCE: 21 July, 2021, [DOJ](#)

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(U) Oregon – Man Gets 4-Year Sentence for Setting Fire, Throwing Molotov Cocktail During Protest

(U) A Portland man was sentenced to four-years in prison Monday after pleading guilty to setting fire to the Multnomah County Justice Center and throwing a Molotov cocktail at officers during a protest in September 2020, officials said. Cyan Bass, now 22, pleaded guilty to all five charges, including first-degree arson, first-degree assault and unlawful possession of an explosive device, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office said in a statement. Bass originally pleaded not guilty in federal court in October. He was then charged in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [The Oregonian](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) India – High Alert in Delhi Over Possible Drone Attack Before Independence Day

(U) New Delhi – Security agencies are on high alert for a possible terror attack in the national capital before Independence Day celebrations on 15 August. According to the inputs gathered by the security agencies, the Pakistan-based terror outfits can carry out terror attacks using explosives-laden drones. The Pakistan-backed terror groups can target vital installations during the ongoing monsoon season and can disrupt Independence Day celebrations in Delhi, the security agencies said. Security agencies have warned the Delhi Police that on 5 August, the day Article 370 was removed from Jammu and Kashmir, terror groups backed by Pakistan can carry out terror attacks in the national capital.

SOURCE: 21 July, 2021, [MSN](#)

(U) Iraq – Suicide Attack in Iraq's Sadr City Kills At Least 35, Wounds Dozens

(U) Sadr City – A suicide bomber killed at least 35 people and wounded dozens in a crowded market in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad on Monday, the eve of the Eid al-Adha festival, security and hospital sources said. More than 60 people were wounded, a police source said. The Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the attack, the group's Nasheer news agency said on Telegram. It said one of its militants blew up his explosive vest among the crowds. Hospital sources said the death toll could rise as some of the wounded were in critical condition.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – US Military Conducts a Drone Strike Against Al-Shabab Fighters

(U) Galkayo – The US conducted a drone strike against al-Shabab militants in Somalia on Tuesday, the first such military action against the al-Qa'ida affiliate in East Africa since the Biden administration took office in January. The strike was carried out by military aircraft against al-Shabab fighters who were attacking members of the Danab, an elite American-trained Somali commando force, near the town of Galkayo in the country's north, said a Pentagon spokeswoman. The Biden administration placed new limits on drone strikes outside active war zones when it took office on 20 January, to give it time to develop a permanent policy.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, [NY Times](#)

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